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March 17, 2017

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, March 20 7:00pm

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**



Discussion #1: Perspective from County Councilmember Hans Riemer, (At-Large)
and



Discussion #2: "Autonomous Vehicles & Their Impact on Community Life"
Guest: Wes Guckert, The Traffic Group

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Leggett FY18 Operating Budget Closes \$138 Million Gap; Boosts Schools Spending by \$54 Million; Holds Line on Property Taxes

Budget Boosts Investment in Public Safety, Business & Job Creation, Affordable Housing, and Transit

- [Press Release.](#)
- Budget Charts (pdf):
 - [County Government Spending](#)
 - [Budget Shortfalls Closed](#)
 - [New - Recommended FY18 Operating Budget and Public Services Program \(PSP\) FY18-23](#)

Free and Discounted Safe Rides on St. Patrick's Day

The Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control is partnering with Dryver and Lyft to promote a safe alternative to drinking and driving. See full press release [here](#). The Dryver program, the nation's largest designated driver service, is an alternative transportation service that provides professional drivers to drive your vehicle for you. Use the code **MoCoDLC** to get \$20 of your first Dryver service. Download the free Dryver and Lyft mobile apps on your smart phone.

Montgomery Councilmember Rice, MCPS Superintendent Smith, College President Pollard to host forum on Education at Walter Johnson High School on Wednesday, March 22

The forums address how budget priorities are established by the Board of Education, the County Executive and the County Council—all of whom work toward crafting the MCPS and Montgomery College annual operating budgets. At the forums, subjects include what the school system and college are doing to prepare for Fiscal Year 2018.

The forums also talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt the FY18 budget. The County Council in May will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

All forums will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The schedule for the remaining forums:

- Wednesday, March 22: Walter Johnson High School (cafeteria). 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda.
- Wednesday, March 29: Richard Montgomery High School (cafeteria). 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville.

A video summary of the forum at Northwest High can be viewed at https://youtu.be/2NTwtBI8k_k. For further information about any of the forums, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at: Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz to host Free Senior Forum and Resource Fair **Friday, April 7 9:30am** **Rockville Senior Center** **1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville**

State's Attorney John McCarthy, Consumer Protection Director Eric Friedman and Gretchen Zekiel of Volunteer Center to be among speakers

The program will focus on protecting seniors from scams, addressing signs of elder abuse and neglect and promoting ways that seniors can contribute to the community through volunteering. It will be accompanied by an informational resource fair showcasing a wide range of service providers to seniors.

For more information on the forum, contact Lindsay Hoffman in the Office of Councilmember Katz at 240-777-7817 or at lindsay.hoffman@montgomerycountymd.gov. Also see the press release for more information, http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19878

Montgomery County Information on Tax Credit for Seniors **Who are Long-time Homeowners or Retired Veterans**

Information now available for tax credit for Montgomery County residents who are 65 and older and have owned homes for at least 40 years or are retired military veterans

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19882

Montgomery County Files FCC Comments and Pushes NACo to Defend Counties from Attacks on Local Zoning Authority for Small Cell Facilities

Montgomery County filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of the national Smart Communities Siting Coalition opposing a petition filed by telecommunications infrastructure company Mobilitie. The petition filed by Mobilitie challenges local governments' authority to manage the placement of, and charge rent for, communication facilities on public roads, sidewalks, and streetlights. The County filed Supplemental Comments indicating the County's wireless policy has been successful. The County also asked that the FCC – which has exclusive jurisdiction to regulate radio frequency (RF) emissions – focus on completing the proceeding it opened four years ago to address the health effects on humans of RF emissions from telecommunications services.

This action comes on the heels of Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, County Council Vice President Hans Riemer, and Council President Roger Berliner successfully sponsoring a [National Association of Counties \(NACo\) policy resolution](#) that opposed efforts at the Federal and State levels to preempt local zoning authority for the siting of "small cell" wireless facilities.

In the filing, the County states it is unreasonable that the Commission leaves it to local government to explain to constituents why the Commission has not updated its radio RF emission standards in 20 years. The County also points out that the FCC has neglected, in four years, to complete its work on this very issue, while simultaneously finding time, at the request of industry, to consider whether more preemption of local decision-making for small cell deployments is necessary.

Read more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=19853



Congratulations! **The Town of Poolesville is 150 Years Young!**

The Town of Poolesville is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation as a municipality in Montgomery County and the State of Maryland. Poolesville has a rich history in Montgomery County extending back to the 1740s and the early years of the County when settlers established farmsteads in the area that would become the town bearing the name of one of those early settlers, the Poole family. Poolesville's history of agriculture, small business, and thriving small town character survives to this day, continuing to influence its direction and growth.

Learn more about the Town of Poolesville at <http://www.poolesvillemd.gov>

Road Project . . .

Storm Drainage Project along Oakmont Street, Gaithersburg – This work will begin in March 2017 and will take approximately two (2) months to complete, weather permitting. Work hours are from 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The project will include the excavation and replacement of the concrete curb and gutter in order to improve storm water runoff. New curbs will be backfilled and graded with topsoil and finished with grass seed and straw. ADA compliant ramps will also be installed during this project. The County right-of-way may be disturbed near adjacent businesses but those areas will be restored directly after the drainage repairs and during the construction activities.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact John Birton, Program Manager, at 240-777-7616.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>